(d) Yes, Sir. A dual pricing system for kerosene which envisaged sale of 70 per cent of the quantity of kerosene allocated to each State/Union Territory at subsidised price for distribution to weaker and vulnerable sections of society and the balance 30 per cent at non-subsidised price to others, which was introduced with effect from the 15th February, 1983, and was withdrawn with effect from the 18th March, 1983, as the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations experienced difficulties in implementing it.

Mail Delivery in Lucknow and Aligarh

541. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Lucknow and Aligarh there are now no afternoon mail deliveries and the ordinary mail is delivered only once in a day; and

(b) what measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, it is not a fact.

(b) Question does not arise.

Modernisation of Digboi Refinery Plant

542. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the context of increased crude oil availability in the North East Region Government have any plan for expansion and modernisation of Digboi refinery; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating the present position of the Plan and the schedule for implementation of such a Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b) Modernisation of Digboi refinery is being considered and Indian Oil Corporation has been requested to prepare a feasibility Report. Details will be known after the Feasiblity Report is received.

Survey of areas for Oil and Gas

543. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING:

SHRI M. BASAVARAJU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the areas which are proposed to be surveyed for oil and gas during the next two years;; and

(b) the names of the areas where digging for oil and gas is proposed to be undertaken during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) The areas which are proposed to be surveyed for oil and gas during the next two years are:—

On-Land

1. Arunachal Pradesh
2. Assam Arakan fold
3. Bengal
4. Cauvery
5. Cambay
6. Ganga Valley
7. Himalayan Foothills
8. Krishna-Godavari
9. Kutch-Saurashtra
10. Rajasthan
11. Vindhyah basin
12. Upper Assam